

## House of Representatives

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE RULES 2007-2008 SESSIONS

- 1. The Committee shall meet, recess and adjourn upon order of the Chair.
- 2. A quorum for the Public Safety Committee shall be four members.
- 3. The Chair shall determine which bills or resolutions are to be considered and the order in which measures are considered.
- 4. The Chair shall have the sole authority to refer bills or resolutions to subcommittees for study. Such subcommittees in turn may make their recommendations to the full committee, which the Chair may or may not call up for a vote before the full committee. No measure will be sent to the full House unless passed by a majority by the Public Safety Committee.
- 5. Any committee officer, including the Chair, may be a voting member in a subcommittee.
- 6. The Rules of the House shall prevail in all matters not covered by committee rules.
- 7. Any member or members who disagree with the majority report of the full committee shall be privileged to file a minority report if they so desire.
- 8. These rules, at the recommendation of the Chair, may be amended upon motion by the Chair and approved by a majority of the members of the committee.
- 9. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by its principal sponsor or a legislator designated by the principal sponsor. When a bill or resolution is placed on the committee agenda, the principal sponsor shall be notified of the time and place of the meeting.
- 10. During committee meetings, committee members and those in the audience shall turn off or place in silent mode all cell phones, pagers and other similar devices.
- 11. Committee members who wish to be recognized to speak must push the gray button near their seats. The chair may recognize the member to speak, if any, at which time the member's microphone will be switched on.

12. Members unable to regularly attend committee or subcommittee meetings must contact the chair's office.

Day of the 163<sup>rd</sup> Chairman